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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft

The purpose of this letter is to express my ardent support for the settlement reached last November between the department of justice and Microsoft. As a corporation, Microsoft has done more for the technology industry than any other corporation in American history. In turn, the litigation against Microsoft for the past three years is matched by the decline in our once prosperous technology industry. This coincidence must not be underestimated.

The settlement shows much compromise between the two sides of this issue. Microsoft has agreed for the creation of an outside technical committee. Under the stipulations of the agreement, this committee is to come as an outside third party. The purpose of this committee is to ensure compliance with the settlement agreement. This technical committee, then, will assure the efficacy of the agreement.

I hope you will consider the plight of the technology industry when reviewing this settlement. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Williamson